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The Free Trade Agreement will strengthen our place on the world stage. By offering us a chance to employ the full scope of our abilities and knowledge, it will instill an even greater sense of national self-confidence. Our economy will be fortified by new challenges and new incentives, Canadians will enjoy more jobs, higher wages and improved standards of living. And I am confident that by strengthening our long-term economic growth, free trade will help us grow as a country and mature even more as an independent sovereign nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**The Honourable Michael H. Wilson**  
**Minister of Finance**